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FOR AMBASSADOR BRUCE

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PLEASE PASS HONG KONG FOR AMBASSADOR BRUCE

E. O. 11652: N/ A
TAGS: PFOR, APER, CH
SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC TITLES/ IDENTITY CARDS

1. IN INITIAL CALLS BY PLATT WITH FREEMAN ON TING YUAN- HUNG, DIRECTOR, MFA OFFICE OF US AFFAIRS, AND TANG LUNG- PIN, DIRECTOR, PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN AFFAIRS, WE PRESSED BY CHINESE TO APPLY FOR IDENTITY CARDS. WE TOLD CHINESE NO DECISION YET MADE WHETHER TITLES SHOULD BE DIPLOMATIC OR SUI GENERIS FOR LIAISON OFFICE. THEY INDICATED FLEXIBILITY THIS POINT. THEY NOT DECIDED YET WHAT TITLES THEIR
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OFFICERS WOULD HAVE IN WASHINGTON.

2. FORMS FOR IDENTITY CARDS PROVIDED TO USLO APPROXIMATELY TEN DAYS AGO REQUIRE TITLE OF EACH STAFF MEMBER BE WRITTEN OUT. NEED FOR CARDS BECOMING PRESSING AS STAFF REQUIRED TO CARRY EITHER CARD OR PASSPORT AT ALL TIMES AND FORMER ESSENTIAL FOR LICENSES, PURCHASES OF GASOLINE AND OTHER BASIC HOUSE-KEEPING ACTIVITIES. ISSUE BECOMING DIFFICULT AND INCREASINGLY INCONVENIENT TO AVOID.

3. ONE APPROACH WOULD BE USE OF STANDARD DIPLOMATIC TITLES: POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELORS FOR SENIOR OFFICERS IN EACH SECTION, WITH JUNIORS AT CLASS FOUR AND ABOVE GIVEN FIRST SECRETARY RANK. CHINESE SENSITIVITY TO TITLE AND RANK, EASE OF ACCESS TO FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS AND DEALINGS WITH DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES FAVOR THIS APPROACH.

4. OTHER SOLUTION WOULD BE TO IDENTIFY OFFICERS BY FUNCTION ONLY, WITH SENIOR OFFICER HAVING TITLE OF SECTION CHIEF AND JUNIORS TERMED TRADE OFFICER, POLITICAL OFFICER, ETC. CHINESE WOULD BE INFORMED THAT THESE OFFICERS EQUIVALENT TO COUNSELOR AND FIRST SECRETARY IN DIPLOMATIC MISSION.

5. WE HAVE TOLD CHINESE DECISION WOULD BE MADE BY AMBASSADOR BRUCE. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR GUIDANCE.
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